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wherein the data pertains to operating conditions of the device.

8. A kit according to claim 6

wherein the usage key card is adapted to be read by a reader to download the data to a data processing device separate from the controller.

9. A kit according to claim 1

further including instructions contained in the packaging directing reading of the usage key card by the reader to download the identification code to the controller for processing to enable or disable operation of the device according to prescribed criteria.

10. A kit according to claim 1

wherein the device applies radio frequency energy to the tissue region.

11. A system for controlling use of a device for treating a tissue region comprising

a controller to control operation of the device,

a reader to download information to the controller,

a usage key card adapted to be handled separate from the device and comprising a storage medium formatted to contain an identification code unique to the usage key card that, upon reading by the reader, is downloaded to the controller, and

the controller including a processing function for processing the identification code to either enable or disable operation of the device according to prescribed criteria.

12. A system according to claim 11

13. A system according to claim 12
wherein the processing function causes the controller to compare a given identification code downloaded by the reader to all identification codes registered in the table and to register the given identification code in the table when the given identification code does not match any identification code in the table.

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wherein the processing function causes the controller to disable operation of the device when the given identification code matches an identification code in the table.

wherein the processing function causes the controller to enable operation of the device when the given identification code does not match any identification code in the table.

wherein the device applies radio frequency energy to the tissue region.

providing a kit containing the device and
a usage key card adapted to be handled separate from